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Town Officers.

ORA A. BROWN, Town Clerk.

FRANK FIFIELD,
DANA W. CAREY,
FRANK S. HUCKINS, } Selectmen.

ORA A. BROWN, Treasurer.

STEPHEN C. BAKER, Collector.

GEORGE B. STEVENS, Overseer of the Poor.

JONATHAN M. CHENEY,
ORA A. BROWN,
EDWARD P. WARNER, } Health Officers.

RINALDO R. D. DEARBORN, Librarian.

CHARLES L. GORDON, Janitor of Town Hall.

MOSES G. TUCKER, Road Agent.

ELMER E. KENDRICK,
GEORGE W. JONES,
JOHN G. SMITH, } Constables.

WILLIAM BRETHRICK,
ALBERT E. PORTER,
JAMES F. HUCKINS, } Auditors.

EDWARD HARRIGAN, Fish and Game Warden.

EARL P. HARRINGTON,
CHARLES L. GORDON,
JOHN H. MORRILL, } Fire Wards.

FRANK FIFIELD, Superintendent of Water Works.

ALBERT F. FIFIELD, Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

Selectmen's Report.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND, APRIL 1, 1897.

No. Polls, 350,	\$35,000 00
“ Horses, 263,	17,298 00
“ Oxen, 6,	320 00
“ Cows, 236,	5,314 00
“ Neat Stock, 49,	636 00
“ Sheep, 103,	219 00
“ Fowls, 700,	200 00
“ Carriages, 14,	1,054 00
Money at Interest,	4,450 00
Stock in Trade,	55,900 00
Stock in Banks,	11,354 70
Mills and Machinery,	93,500 00
Real Estate,	330,649 00
Non Resident Real Estate,	10,099 00
Total valuation,	<hr/> \$565,993 70

VALUATION BY DISTRICTS.

District No. 1,	\$512,032 70
“ “ 2,	53,961 00
Total valuation,	<hr/> \$565,993 70

MONEY RAISED.

For Town Charges,	\$1,600 00
Library,	75 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Fire Department,	350 00
Water Works,	300 00
State Tax,	1,150 00
County Tax,	1,416 49
School "	1,150 00
Highways, 1-4 of 1 per cent.,	1,414 98
Extra School Money, district No. 1,	1,100 00
" " " " " 2,	207 00
Overlay,	412 22
Total money raised,	\$9,225 69
Rate per cent on \$100, \$1.63.	

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIVED.

Rec'd of F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
Alex Weeks, water service,	\$23 09
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	13 50
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	3 48
Edward Horrigan, billiard license,	10 00
L. B. Brooks, " "	20 00
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	3 92
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	1 50
Grafton Co., support of poor,	362 95
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	351 34

Recd. F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
Mrs. F. M. Hoyt's service,	37 91
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	270 17
Hart, McArthur & Hart, hydrant,	43 19
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	81 44
Edward Sleeper, street lamp,	2 00
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	50 00
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
T. Carr's service,	3 15
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
Mrs. C. Andrew's service,	11 96
E. G. Gammons, use of tomb,	6 00
State treasurer, insurance	
tax,	\$3 75
State treasurer, railroad	
tax,	141 22
State treasurer, savings	
bank tax,	845 72
State treasurer, literary	
fund,	148 80
	—————\$1,139 49
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	505 00
E. P. Warner, digging ditch,	2 25
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	150 00
New Hampton, drawback, overtaxed,	224 01
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	144 68
F. Fifield, supt. water works,	
water rents,	79 37

Reed. H. C. Dearborn & Co., use of shed,	36 00
C. L. Gordon, janitor Town Hall,	21 86
F. L. Thompson, rent Masonic Hall,	50 00
G. B. Stevens, drawback, John Boynton case,	2 00
Total received,	<hr/> \$3,650 26

PAYMENT.

Paid town treasurer,	\$3,650 26
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REPAIRS HIGHWAY.

Paid Cole Mfg. Co., shaft and flanges,	\$13 53
Howe & Harrington, painting street signs,	18 00
A. F. Fifield, supplies,	85
D. B. Whitcher, injury to horse,	60 00
Cole Mfg. Co., bolts for bridge,	4 83
A. R. Smith, building abutments,	445 22
D. S. Baker, marl pit,	100 00
M. G. Tucker, orders,	1,752 85
	<hr/> \$2,395 28
Unexpended appropriation, Feb. 15, '97,	\$430 24
1-4 of 1 per cent. of valuation,	1,414 98
Total,	<hr/> \$1,845 22
Appropriation exceeded,	<hr/> \$550 06

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid R. R. D. Dearborn for 375 town	
reports,	\$43 00
Silsby & Son, 1 collector's book,	1 04
E. P. Smith, keeping tramps, 1896,	3 00
Ashland Electric Light Co., quarter	
ending May 15,	186 25
Howe & Harrington, painting signs,	
library and selectmen's room,	8 00
E. P. Warner, Memorial day ap-	
propriation,	50 00
Louie V. Fifield, copying inventory,	5 00
F. M. Hughes, services as justice,	
Nelson Hammel case,	1 50
W. C. Bowen, electric light, July 4,	1 50
Electric Light Co., quarter end-	
ing Aug. 15,	186 25
E. Howard Co., cleaning clock,	15 00
Frank Fifield, signs for new town	
building,	4 00
Frank Kimball, maintaining water-	
ing trough, '96 and '97,	4 00
Electric Light Co., quarter end-	
ing Nov. 15,	211 25
Ora A. Brown, recording 12 marri-	
ages, 28 births, 16 deaths, 23	
children's names,	14 15
Hughes & Brown, supplies for lobby,	1 00
J. L. Wilson, services police court,	43 00
Frank Fifield, stationery and stamps,	3 15
Electric Light Co., quarter end-	
ing Feb. 15,	211 25

8 9 50 00

Paid J. M. Cheney, M. D., reporting 13 births, 7 deaths,	5 00
A R. Garey, M. D., reporting 13 births, 8 deaths,	5 25
M. C. Spaulding, M. D., reporting 2 births, 1 death,	75
Geo. B. Stevens, Geo. Dolloff case,	5 00
“ “ “ keeping tramps,	15 31
S. C. Baker, tax bills,	1 15
Total,	————\$1,024 80

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid Hodgdon & Pollard, dist. No. 1,	\$54 40
Franklin Pub. Co., “ “ 2,	33 00
Werner School Book Co., dist. No. 2,	37 21
Hodgdon & Pollard,	14 76
Werner School Book Co., dist. No. 2,	4 98
Hodgdon & Pollard,	21 93
Emma F. Bronson, Union dist.,	4 90
J. H. Blanchard, service and supplies, dist. No. 2,	9 18
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies,	42 25
John R. Stevens, services and supplies,	9 50
Total,	————\$232 11

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Dexter Sanborn, services as supervisor,	5 00
Edwin P. Smith, care of clock,	6 25
Geo. W. Jones, services as police,	7 00
Geo. F. Dow, services as supervisor,	5 00
M. G. Tucker, “ “ “	5 00
J. G. Smith, services as police,	8 75
E. E. Kendrick, “ “ “	25 00

Paid Geo. W. Jones, services as police,	12 00
E. P. Warner, board of health,	5 00
S. C. Baker, collector,	100 00
Ora A. Brown, clerk,	50 00
“ “ “ treasurer,	50 00
“ “ “ board of health,	5 00
Dr. J. M. Cheney, chairman board of health,	10 00
D. W. Carey, 2d selectman,	50 00
F. S. Huckins, 3d “	25 00
Frank Fifield, 1st “	125 00
Geo. B. Gordon, moderator,	4 00
E. P. Smith, care of clock,	18 75
G. B. Stevens, overseer of poor,	50 00
Benj. Pease, school board, dist. No. 2, '89, '90 and '91,	15 00
J. F. Huckins, auditor,	1 00
A. E. Porter, “	1 00
Total,	————\$583 75

FIRE ALARM.

Paid A. F. Fifield, labor and supplies, changing tappers,	\$4 55
Gamewell Co., battery zines,	18 35
“ “ insulated wire,	1 65
A. F. Fifield, freight and teaming,	45
Hughes & Brown, hand vise,	2 00
Electric Gas Light Co., blue vitriol,	11 16
A. R. Moulton, supplies,	50
A. F. Fifield, “	4 40
“ “ “ services superintendent and changing wires,	32 50
Total,	————\$75 56

Total amount,	\$1,916 22
Current expense appropriation,	\$1,600 00
Memorial day “	50 00
Total,	————\$1,650 00
Appropriation exceeded,	\$266 22

PAID FOR EDUCATION.

	<i>School Money,</i>	<i>Repair Money,</i>	<i>Dog License,</i>	<i>Total Amount.</i>
Dist. No 1,	\$1,640 36	\$500 00	\$99 42	\$2,239 78
“ “ 2,	309 64	7 00	49 71	366 35
Totals,	\$1,950 00	\$507 00	\$149 13	\$2,606 13
	Amt. due dist. No. 2, Feb. 15, '97,			65 19
Total,				\$2,671 32

Paid out as follows :

Paid David N. Pollard,	\$484 00
J. H. Blanchard,	106 32
David N. Pollard,	532 59
J. H. Blanchard,	259 99
David N. Pollard,	484 00
“ “ “	81 48
“ “ “	657 71
Bal. due dist. No. 2, Feb. 15, '98,	65 23
	—————\$2,671 32

GRAFTON COUNTY PAUPERS.

Due from county Feb. 15, '97,	\$222 02
Paid D. W. Carey, overseer of poor,	14 04
G. B. Stevens, “ “ “	1,020 34
Total,	—————\$1,256 40
Rec'd from county,	\$873 94
Due “ “ Feb. 15, '98,	382 46
Total,	—————\$1,256 40

See G. B. Stevens' report.

SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR.

Amt. state, county, town, school and	
highway taxes,	\$9,260 62
" interest collected,	12 22
Bal. overpaid town treasurer,	4 79
Total	<u>\$9,277 63</u>

Accounted for as follows :

Amt. abatements,	\$51 84
" discounts,	190 82
" treasurer's receipts,	9,034 97
Total,	<u>\$9,277 63</u>

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid R. R. D. Dearborn, rebinding books,	\$21 83
Hodgdon & Pollard, cord wood,	3 50
L. A. Dearborn, services as librarian,	50 00
Total,	<u>\$75 33</u>
Appropriation,	75 00
" exceeded,	<u>33</u>

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, '97,	\$868 99
Total receipts during year,	14,105 10
Total,	<u>\$14,974 09</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements during year,	\$14,468 46
Cash on hand Feb. 15, '98,	505 63
Total,	<u>\$14,974 09</u>

DEBT.

Liabilities Feb. 15, '97,	\$34,747 61
Assets,	1,127 60
Bal. against town Feb. 15, '97,	-----\$33,620 01
Liabilities Feb. 15, '98,	\$33,255 31
Assets,	888 09
Bal. against town Feb. 15, '98,	-----\$32,367 22
Decrease of balance during year,	<u>\$1,252 79</u>

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, '97,	\$868 99
Taxes from collector,	9,034 97
Justice fines,	40 00
Town Hall,	21 86
Billiard license,	30 00
County, support of paupers,	873 94
Insurance tax,	3 75
Railroad “	141 22
Savings bank tax,	845 72
Literary fund,	148 80
Street lamp,	2 00
Rent, Masonic Hall,	50 00
“ shed,	36 00
Peddler's license,	8 00
Water rents,	1,654 40
“ service,	121 55
Dog license,	160 88
G. B. Stevens, drawback, John Boynton case,	2 00
Use of tomb,	6 00
John H. Berry, drawback, from New Hampton,	224 01
On notes,	700 00
Total,	-----\$14,974 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

County tax,	\$1,416 49
State “	1,150 00
Current expenses, including Memorial day appropriation,	1,916 22
Schools,	2,606 09
County poor,	1,034 38
Highways and bridges,	2,395 28
Town library,	75 33
Water works,	775 85
Fire department,	352 12
Notes and interest,	2,741 70
S. C. Baker, to balance,	5 00
Total,	<hr/> \$14,468 46
Excess of receipts over disbursements,	505 63
	<hr/> \$14,974 09

In submitting our annual report, we are able to show a decrease in the balance against the town, of one thousand, two hundred fifty-two dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$1,252.79). We have paid notes and interest amounting to two thousand, seven hundred forty-one dollars and seventy cents (\$2,741.70). We have replaced seven hundred dollars of this amount, the accrued interest for the year we have paid, also the decrease in the debt, as shown. In looking over the town report, you will see that some of the departments have exceeded the appropriations; we have also paid all amounts exceeded. We do not think there is any outstanding bill against the town February 15, 1898.

Thanking you all for uniform courtesies extended to us the past year, we most respectfully subscribe ourselves,

Your most humble servants,

FRANK FIFIELD,	} Selectmen
DANA W. CAREY,	
FRANK S. HUCKINS,	
	} of
	} Ashland.

Report of the Fire Department.

Unexpended appropriation, Feb. 15, '97,	\$95 74
Appropriation March, '97,	350 00
Total,	—————\$445 74
Paid A. F. Fifield, labor and supplies,	\$3 00
E. P. Harrington, painting sign,	10 00
F. A. Jones, 2 fire extinguishers,	27 00
Henry K. Barnes, 2 hose pipes,	22 50
A. F. Fifield, labor and supplies,	3 45
Henry K. Barnes, firemen's badges,	12 25
A. R. Moulton, straps,	90
Hughes & Brown, supplies,	6 57
Henry K. Barnes, supplies,	13 00
F. Fifield, hose sleigh,	12 00
Hose Co. No. 1, services,	69 75
" " " 2, "	82 15
E. P. Harrington, services,	4 00
Hook & Ladder Co., "	14 00
A. F. Fifield, making 12 keys,	1 20
C. U. Fogg, supplies, Co. No. 2,	62
F. H. Chick, ironing sleigh,	15 00
Howe & Harrington, painting cupboards,	3 00
F. I. Jordan, ironing sleigh tongue,	12 00
Hughes & Brown, supplies,	3 03
A. F. Fifield, labor and supplies, sleigh,	7 40
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies,	90
T. E. Carr, making arch, hose cart No. 2,	12 00
H. K. Barnes, washers for hose,	50
F. Fifield, repairing shoddy mill roof,	1 00
Geo. Randall, sawing wood,	1 40
Howe & Harrington, painting hose sleigh,	13 50
Unexpended appropriation, Feb. 15, '98,	93 62
Total,	—————\$445 74

To the Selectmen of the Town of Ashland.

We have the honor to present to you the following report of the Fire Wards of the Ashland Fire Department:

This being the second report given since the Fire Department has been organized, perhaps it would be well to explain to the citizens what we have to fight fire with.

We have two as nice hose carriages as any town needs—not expensive, but good, substantial carriages; one new hose sleigh which was added to the department the last year; also two chemical fire extinguishers which cost us \$27; and we believe that they ought to be put into every public building, store and mill in town, for they are worth their weight in gold, and one moment at the starting of a fire, is worth more than an hour at the last. We have, also, 1000 feet of cotton, rubber-lined fire hose, 27 rubber coats and hats, one extension ladder which is 40 feet long, three shorter ones, to use on roofs etc., and a truck to carry them on.

On May 7th, we organized a Hook & Ladder Co., consisting of seven men, to look after and handle our ladders at a fire. We have in our department, thirty-one of the best young men in town; they are good, reliable and honest men, and if your house was on fire and they picked up any valuables, we believe they would be returned to you just as they found them.

We think the town ought to buy 500 feet more hose, for in case we had a conflagration, we fear we should be short of hose. Our Hook and Ladder men should have rubber coats and hats; and we surely ought to have something different from the church bell to sound a fire alarm on, for several reasons: First, the bell being attached to the town clock, strikes every hour; again, it is rung often for meetings, and as they ring it, sometimes striking a number on one of the fire alarm boxes, often puzzles our firemen to tell whether the bell is ringing for

church or striking an alarm of fire. We need something entirely different. We would suggest that the town place a bell or gong on the hose house, to be used for fire alarms only, and, if arrangements could be made with the mill owners, also attach it to the steam whistles, and do away with the church bell entirely, for fire alarms. The expense would not be so great but what we could afford it, and we believe it would be much better.

We have been very fortunate the past year, as regards fires. April 23, we were called out to put out a fire which started near the Morse place and went through the woods to near Charles Clough's buildings. April 25, we were called up to Union bridge, to save the bridge from a fire which caught from a passing train. On July 20, an alarm was pulled in from box 64, but we found that it was a false alarm. Dec. 19, an alarm from box 43, called us to Brogan's Inn, to a small fire in a partition; again, on Jan. 9, we were needlessly called to Brogan's Inn, to a burning chimney. Some young man thought it would be a smart trick to call out the fire department, and did so; but it costs money every time the firemen are called out, and there is quite a fine for fooling with, and ringing in, fire alarms when not needed.

Hoping that our town may be as fortunate in the future, in regard to fires, as it has been in the past,

We remain respectfully,

EARL P. HARRINGTON,	} Fire Wards.
CHARLES L. GORDON,	
JOHN H. MORRILL,	

Report of Superintendent of Water Works.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Rec'd for putting in service pipes, '96,	23 09
" " " " " '97,	98 46
water rents,	1,654 40
drawback from New Hampton,	224 01
Total,	<hr/> \$2,299 96
Paid Joe Jamache, labor,	\$ 50
Adolph Morin, " "	11 00
Edwin Short, " "	11 00
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., 1 hydrant,	41 50
E. Short, labor,	4 72
R. R. D. Dearborn, printing bill heads,	2 00
Chas. Hobart, labor,	2 50
Cole Mfg. Co., 12 curb boxes,	12 00
E. Short, labor,	1 10
J. L. Wilson, services trying case,	
town Ashland vs. New Hampton,	25 00
Walter Lobdell, labor,	4 96
Kendrick Smith, witness, New Hamp-	
ton case,	1 61
Edwin Dow, witness, New Hamp-	
ton case,	2 09
G. B. Gordon, serving papers, New	
Hampton case,	1 09
John Frazier, labor,	4 06
O. D. Thompson, labor and supplies,	124 79

Paid Truman Lavalley, labor,	1 25
John Frazier, “	4 11
Isaac Wood, “	1 87
John Frazier, “	3 00
National Meter Co., 1 meter and con- nections,	27 90
A. F. Fifield, repairing pump,	75
Burleigh & Adams, town of Ashland vs. New Hampton,	68 25
Hughes & Brown, supplies,	8 21
New Hampton, taxes, water works, '97,	169 34
J. L. Wilson, bal., services, town of Ashland vs. New Hampton case,	95 52
F. Fifield, supplies,	7 90
Howe & Harrington, painting,	1 50
O. D. Thompson, labor and supplies,	11 33
F. Fifield, services, supt. water works,	125 00
Total,	<hr/> \$775 85
Amount received,	\$2,299 96
“ expended,	775 85
Total amt. recd. more than expended,	<hr/> \$1,524 11

Maintenance Account.

Rec'd for water, from July 1, '97, to July 1, '98,	\$1,640 90
Paid for covering pipes,	2 50
town of New Hampton, taxes,	169 34
F. Fifield, supt.,	125 00
interest on notes, '97,	1,312 75
Total,	<hr/> \$1,609 59
Total amt. recd. more than cost of maintenance,	<hr/> \$31 31

Income from water works, 1897 :

Amt. water sold, '97,	\$1,640 90
Use of 44 hydrants, \$25 each,	1,100 00
“ “ 2 fountains, “ “	50 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,790 90
Income, 1896,	2,507 67
	<hr/>
Increase of income, 1897,	\$283 23
No. of taps, Feb. 15, '97,	121
“ “ “ made past year,	12
Total No. taps Feb. 15, '98,	<hr/> 133

In my fourth annual report, I am able to show that the amount received for water sold, has more than paid the interest on the cost of construction, also for maintenance the past year ; this does not include the benefit the town receives from the forty-four hydrants and two fountains owned by the town.

The disagreement between Ashland and New Hampton, in regard to the valuation of the Ashland water works in New Hampton, has been settled by referee ; he, reducing the valuation made by the selectmen of New Hampton, (\$15,000), to a valuation of \$10,080, and the selectmen of New Hampton have paid back to the town of Ashland, two hundred twenty-four dollars and one cent, (\$224.01) as the amount (principal and interest) overtaxed the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK FIFIELD, Supt. Water Works.

Road Agent's Report.

Received of town treasurer on orders,	\$1,752 83
Paid C. E. Clough, breaking roads,	\$1 05
D. M. Leavitt, " "	12 00
G. O. Kelley, " "	3 50
H. Vashaw, labor on highway,	11 33
M. G. Tucker, " " "	65 40
B. Deane, breaking roads,	12 87
W. Bateman, labor on "	26 59
F. D. Eastman, breaking roads,	3 50
H. Vashaw, labor on highway,	9 34
J. McGraw, " " "	3 75
E. Dow, " " "	7 33
Hughes & Brown, supplies for highway,	22 83
L. Evans, labor on highway,	6 14
E. Short, " " "	9 75
J. McLand, " " "	7 39
J. H. Blanchard, " " "	7 50
J. N. Eastman, " " "	7 00
C. W. Reed, " " "	1 75
P. L. Moore, " " "	1 50
C. F. Lougee, " " "	3 45
I. Woods, " " "	2 70
J. Guyott, " " "	1 25
H. Chase, " " "	5 63
L. Evans, " " "	6 88
M. G. Tucker, " " "	66 20
B. Deane, " " "	137 10

Paid E. Cheney, labor on highway,	10 33
F. Cheney, " " "	3 13
E. Short, " " "	12 90
C. Aldrich, " " "	2 95
P. Perkins, stonework on "	2 00
Mrs. Anna Ames, stone,	10 00
O. F. Brackett, labor on highway,	3 75
H. Lougee, " " "	5 00
F. Levoy, " " "	9 75
M. Lesanty, " " "	5 00
E. Short, " " "	2 10
L. Evans, " " "	3 58
F. A. Cheney, " " "	1 70
W. J. Chase, " " "	1 88
M. Lesanty, " " "	7 50
I. D. Morse, " " "	50
H. H. Shepard, lumber,	101 44
H. Lougee, labor on highway,	11 25
F. Levoy, " " "	13 50
J. Raymo, " " "	4 25
L. Evans, " " "	11 25
C. Aldrich, " " "	11 25
J. Lougee, " " "	2 50
H. Landrock, " " "	5 67
B. E. Plaisted, " " "	7 50
F. A. Cheney, " " "	1 12
C. W. Reed, " " "	10 50
T. Astell, " " "	1 50
G. Bryant, " " "	10 02
Kusumpe Lumber Co., bridge lumber,	34 21
H. Lougee, labor on highway,	2 63
I. Woods, " " "	3 75
E. Cheney, " " "	3 00
H. S. Lyford, lighting sidewalk,	50
J. Raymo, labor on highway,	50

Paid E. Short,	"	"	"	6	15
F. Levoy,	"	"	"		75
F. Fifield, street roller and supplies,				101	17
" " lumber and labor on tool-					
house and bridges,				61	32
M. G. Tucker, labor on highway,				79	80
G. O. Kelley, posts,				16	00
Hughes & Brown, drain pipe, supplies,				16	29
E. Short, labor on highway,				1	50
T. E. Carr, blacksmith work,				7	31
Ashland Knitting Co., iron pipe,				2	40
C. Aldrich, labor on highway,				1	25
J. I. Brown, " " "				21	32
H. Lougee, " " "					88
A. F. Fifield, iron work,				2	45
Odd Fellows, gravel for highway,				23	20
H. Lougee, labor on highway,				1	13
J. Vergin, " " "				3	13
J. Norman, " " "				1	25
H. Vashaw, " " "				1	25
B. Deane, " " "				102	70
C. Hobart, " " "				2	50
W. D. Bateman, " " "				66	43
P. M. Hobart, " " "				1	13
C. Aldrich, " " "				1	25
L. Evans, " " "				1	25
C. H. Sanborn, " " "				4	75
F. Levoy, " " "				2	14
L. Evans, " " "				3	38
A. T. Carr, guideboard posts,					75
H. H. Shepard, bridge lumber,				86	10
A. H. Carpenter, labor on bridge,				5	00
J. G. Smith, " " "					75

Paid J. I. Brown, labor on highway,	1 25
F. H. Chick, ironing street roller,	28 10
J. C. Hughes, labor on bridge,	4 38
M. G. Tucker, cash paid for parts to road machine,	3 63
M. G. Tucker, labor on highway,	59 80
J. R. Stevens, " " "	1 88
C. H. G. Dow, breaking roads,	2 63
B. Hutchinson, labor on highway,	1 25
S. J. Cotton, breaking roads,	5 60
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies for road,	3 72
V. White, labor on highway,	1 00
J. Mousette, " " "	1 00
E. Boynton, " " "	1 00
S. Valla, " " "	2 37
C. H. G. Dow, breaking roads,	3 15
W. B. Smith, " "	6 60
F. Fifield, supplies and labor on road,	12 92
T. E. Carr, blacksmith work,	2 07
G. O. Kelley, labor on highway,	6 50
M. G. Tucker, cash for wrench,	1 25
Hughes & Brown, supplies for highway,	9 14
T. Astell, breaking roads,	1 20
S. Sanborn, " "	10 00
W. Bateman, " sidewalks,	23 32
F. Lougee, " roads,	3 00
B. Deane, " "	58 29
M. G. Tucker, labor and use of team,	46 95
D. S. Baker, breaking roads,	3 60
J. Benton, labor on road,	1 25
J. H. Blanchard, breaking roads,	7 00
J. Eastman, " "	7 60
J. I. Brown, " "	2 50

Paid W. H. Calley, oak railings and break-	
ing roads,	15 49
C. H. Sanborn, breaking roads,	11 45
G. Lambert, " "	8 40
D. M. Leavitt, " "	4 72
Total,	—————\$1.752 83
MOSES G. TUCKER, Road Agent.	

LIST OF TOWN TOOLS FOR HIGHWAY, FEB. 15, 1898.

1 Road Machine,	1 Street Roller,
1 Sidewalk Plow,	3 Crowbars,
1 Spike Puller,	2 Axes,
6 Shovels,	1 Snow Shovel,
1 Striking Hammer,	6 Picks,
1 Pickaxe,	1 Bush Hook,
2 Bush Scythes,	4 Blasting Drills,
4 Plug Drills,	3 Stone Points,
1 Rock Picker,	1 Cable Chain,
1 Water Pail,	1 Tin Dipper.
MOSES G. TUCKER, Road Agent,	

Report of the Police.

No. complaints recd.,	280
“ “ investigated,	210
“ persons arrested,	12
“ “ convicted,	9
“ “ found not guilty,	1
“ “ discharged without trial,	1
“ “ turned over to state,	1
“ “ taken to insane asylum, by order of county commissioner,	1
“ tramps lodged by E. E. Kendrick,	78
“ “ “ “ G. W. Jones,	15
“ arrests made for outside parties,	3
“ warrants served, “ “	4
Amt. stolen property recovered,	\$25 00
“ damaged “ caused to be replaced,	3 00

E. E. KENDRICK,	}	Police.
J. G. SMITH,		
G. W. JONES,		

Report of Overseer of Poor.

Amt. due from county Feb. 15, '98,	\$382 46
Paid A. Deane, rent, G. Randall,	10 00
S. Blanchard, rent, Mrs. Dupine,	4 00
A. M. Asso., supplies, " "	8 37
" " " " G. Randall,	14 94
" " " " Frizan family,	89 58
Mrs. J. W. Harford, care Roy family,	11 75
Addie Nason, " " "	2 00
Mary Hill, " " "	1 75
Flora Heath, " " "	1 50
Otto Willoughby, milk, " "	1 30
N. P. Batchelder, rent, " "	2 00
Porter & Pierce, medicine, " "	4 20
A. M. Asso., supplies, " "	8 67
B. & M. R. R., car fare, " "	
to No. Adams,	6 30
A. Deane, rent, G. Randall,	10 00
F. B. Dalton, milk, Mrs. Dupine,	1 90
H. Hodgdon, rent, J. Gamache,	5 69
A. Deane, " G. Randall,	10 00
A. M. A., supplies, " "	23 53
J. N. Ellis, " J. Gamache,	8 92
L. Mousette, " " "	4 55
J. N. Ellis, meat, " "	6 35
L. Mousette, milk, " "	4 45
S. Whitten, " " "	75
J. Guyott, rent, " "	8 00
L. Mousette, milk, " "	3 75

Paid A. Deane, rent, G. Randall,	10 00
J. N. Ellis, meat, J. Gamache,	8 52
Mrs. E. Crockett, care Mrs. Armstrong,	12 00
A. M. A., supplies, J. Gamache,	47 31
J. Guyott, rent, " "	4 00
L. Mousette, milk, " "	3 30
S. Blanchard, rent, Mrs. Dupine,	8 00
A. R. Garey, M. D., medical attend- ance, Mrs. McLeod,	17 00
A. R. Garey, M. D., med. attend- ance, C. Calef,	3 00
A. R. Garey, M. D., med. attend- ance, J. Gamache,	21 00
G. B. Stevens, C. A. Hutchins acct.,	3 46
A. M. A., supplies, " "	4 00
Porter & Pierce, medicine, Mrs. McLeod,	5 75
" " " " " Armstrong,	1 18
" " " " J. Gamache,	3 95
G. B. Stevens, E. Short, supplies furnished C. A. Hutchins,	36 00
A. M. A., supplies, C. Calef,	6 93
" " " " J. Gamache,	9 90
" " " " M. McLeod,	6 54
" " " " G. Randall,	28 97
Brown & Huckins, supplies, C. A. Hutchins,	7 68
Brown & Huckins, supplies, Mrs. Armstrong,	17 45
Brown & Huckins, supplies, C. Calef,	70
" " " " Mrs. Dupine,	1 00
" " " " A. Parker,	85
J. N. Ellis, supplies, J. Gamache,	4 69
Mrs. C. Garland, care Mrs. Armstrong,	18 00

Paid Mrs. Dupine, care May Bosley,	6 00
A. M. A., supplies, " "	6 95
J. M. Cheney, M. D., attendance, Mrs. Armstrong,	49 50
J. M. Cheney, M. D., attendance, Mrs. Lavalley,	3 00
J. M. Cheney, M. D., attendance, C. A. Hutchins,	27 00
J. N. Ellis, meat, J. Gamache,	4 04
A. Deane, rent, G. Randall,	10 00
J. Guyott, " J. Gamache,	4 00
D. E. Plaisted, sawing wood, G. Dolloff,	50
J. N. Ellis, J. Gamache,	1 73
Porter & Pierce, medicine, Mrs. McLeod,	1 25
" " " " J. Gamache,	2 90
A. Deane, rent, G. Randall,	5 00
A. M. A., supplies, " "	15 40
" " " " J. Gamache,	23 09
" " " " G. A. Dolloff,	23 87
E. E. Kendrick, taking J. Boynton to Concord.	4 25
Mrs. E. Cummings, care J. Boynton family,	1 00
H. S. Kelley, " " " family, telephone, " "	3 00
3 tickets to Concord, " "	55
L. B. Brooks, team, " "	2 85
F. O. Kelley, " "	2 00
C. Reed, " "	4 00
Mrs. C. Reed, " "	4 00
G. Kelley, " "	1 00
F. G. Smith, taking J. Boynton to Concord,	10 00
	3 00

Paid J. Guyott, rent, J. Gamache,	8 00
J. S. Drew, " "	1 40
S. Whitten, milk, " "	6 06
Brown & Huckins, medicine, Mrs. Armstrong,	90
Brown & Huckins, medicine, G. Dolloff,	11 30
" " " " C. Calef,	6 15
" " " " J. Gamache,	35
" " " " J. Boynton,	40
Mrs. G. Kelley, services, " "	4 00
G. Kelley, " " "	2 00
Mrs. J. Stevens, " " "	1 00
" F. Moore, " " "	1 00
" C. Reed, " " "	75
S. Blanchard, rent, Mrs. Dupine,	6 00
A. C. Gammons, coffin, robe, box and embalming fluid,	13 00
J. M. Cheney, M. D., attendance, J. Boynton family,	11 75
Mrs. G. Kelley, J. Boynton family,	2 25
M. C. Spaulding, M. D., attend- ance, C. Calef,	8 75
M. C. Spaulding, M. D., attend- ance, G. Dolloff,	82 50
Hodgdon & Pollard, G. Randall,	1 50
" " " J. Boynton,	33
" " " J. Gamache,	1 93
A. R. Garey, M. D., attendance, J. Gamache,	21 00
J. M. Cheney, M. D., attendance, C. Calef,	8 75
A. M. A., supplies, J. Gamache,	16 48

Paid A. M. A.,	"	G. Randall,	8 80
" " "	"	J. Boynton family,	22 63
" " "	"	G. Dolloff,	6 05
Total,			————\$1,020 34
Recd. from Grafton county,			\$637 88
Due " " "			382 46
Total,			————\$1,020 34

Report of the Janitor.

Charles L. Gordon, janitor of Town Hall,

Rec'd of Band Concert,	\$3 00
I. O. O. F.,	3 00
" " " "	3 00
" " " "	3 00
Pythian Sisterhood,	3 00
Vitascope,	3 00
"	3 00
"	3 00
L. G. society,	3 00
K. of P.,	3 00
" "	3 00
Magnascope,	3 00
"	3 00
Rebekahs,	3 00
Band Concert,	3 00
Waxworkers,	3 00
"	3 00

Rec'd of Waxworkers,	3 00
“	3 00
L. G. society,	3 00
W. R. Corps,	3 00
E. Workers,	3 00
Band Concert,	3 00
Dance,	3 00
Town Library, free.	
Band Concert,	3 00
Dancing School, 11 nights,	33 00
Harvest Fair,	3 00
“ “	3 00
K. of P.,	3 00
L. G. society,	3 00
Hook and Ladder Co.,	4 00
W. R. Corps,	3 00
E. W. tree,	3 00
Baptist tree,	3 00
Dance,	3 00
E. W. drama,	5 00
Masons,	3 00
Dance,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$147 00

Paid Electric light bill, Feb. 1897,	1 98
“ “ “ Mar. “	4 50
“ “ “ Apr. “	5 67
“ “ “ May “	2 25
“ “ “ June “	3 42
“ “ “ July “	1 00
“ “ “ Aug. “	3 06
“ “ “ Sept. “	2 16
“ “ “ Oct. “	6 84

Paid Electric Light bill, Nov., 1898,	6 12
“ “ “ Dec. “	8 01
“ “ “ “	1 08
“ “ “ Jan. 1898,	5 49
Hughes & Brown,	3 93
Hodgdon & Pollard,	4 90
Sullivan Bros.,	1 98
Frank Fifield,	50
Electric Globes,	1 25
Sawdust,	50
Sawing wood,	2 25
Kerosene oil,	1 25
Labor on scenery,	3 00
Janitor's services, Dem. caucus,	1 00
“ “ Rep. “	1 00
“ “ Town meeting,	2 00
“ “ General,	50 00
Balance due the town,	21 86
Total,	——\$147 00

Report of the Treasurer.

Cash in treasury March 1, '97,	\$868 99
recd. of Henry M. Smith, on note,	600 00
David H. Smith, " "	100 00
F. M. Hughes, justice fines,	40 00
town clerk, dog licenses, '97,	160 88
state treasurer,	1,139 49
tax collector,	9,034 97
supt. water works, water rents,	1,654 40
" " " " services,	121 55
selectmen on sundry accounts,	1,245 81
Peter Copelotti, peddler's license,	8 00
Total,	<hr/> \$14,974 09

Accounted for as follows :

Paid county tax,	\$1,416 49
state tax,	1,150 00
selectmen's orders,	9,160 27
D. H. Smith, guardian, note and interest,	695 03
Marilla L. Sargent, interest,	8 00
D. H. Smith, note and "	101 00
F. P. Nichols, on note,	600 00
D. H. Smith, admr, int. on note,	151 18
" " " " " " "	29 87
Marilla L. Sargent, on note,	50 00
J. S. Currier, note and interest,	346 62
F. P. Nichols, " " "	82 43
J. N. Nichols, " " "	272 31
D. H. Smith, guardian, note and interest,	405 26
Cash in treasury March 1, '98,	505 63
Total,	<hr/> \$14,974 09

Report of the Librarian.

To overcharge for book slips in 1897,	\$8 25
Rec'd cash of treasurer,	21 83
books loaned,	1 00
benefit,	9 60
fines,	2 13
“	1 74
cards,	60
overcharge by dealer,	44
	<hr/> \$45 59
Paid for books,	\$15 30
express,	90
lock,	25
shade,	25
ink,	05
curtains,	1 25
express,	90
bookbinding,	21 83
5000 book slips,	4 50
postage stamps,	12
Balance on hand,	24
	<hr/> \$45 59
No. books in library Feb. 15, '97,	2666
“ “ “ “ “ “ '98,	2736
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“ “ added during year,	70
Public documents are not included in number given above.	
No. registration cards issued Feb. 15, '97,	346
“ “ “ “ year ending Feb. 15, '98,	411
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Increase during year,	65

The librarian has made no charges for time and work done—such as cleaning the room, repairing books etc.,—outside of library hours, nor has any charges been made for fare nor time used when getting the new books.

The librarian tenders thanks to Mrs. Anna Whipple for the donation of seven vols. Century Magazines and six vols. Wide-a-Wakes.

Report of the Board of Education.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR DIST. NO. 1.

Owing to a change in the school law, making the school year commence Aug 1, each year, it has been thought best to report only one term at this time, and thereby make our report comply with the report to the State Superintendent. Therefore, this report only covers the term commencing April 5, and closing June 18, '97. The schools for this year have been a success, so far as the teachers were able to make them so. We mean by this statement that the teachers have done their duty; but, owing to the mixed-up condition of the classes, less real work has been accomplished than would have been had the schools been graded as they ought. With the assistance of the teachers, we are in hopes to see our schools regraded and much improved, by the commencement of another school year. We would earnestly urge upon parents to co-operate with the Board and the teachers in making improvements and in the management of the children. Let us throw any little petty grievance aside and all pull together for the best interests of the schools, and we shall see something accomplished.

HIGHER GRAMMAR GRADE.

Teacher, Miss L. M. Bryant.	
No. pupils registered,	24
Average No. belonging to school,	24
" daily attendance,	23
No. not absent,	11
Per cent. daily attendance	96

LOWER GRAMMAR GRADE.

Teacher, Miss Patience M. Shepard.	
No. pupils registered,	32
Average No. belonging to school,	30
" daily attendance,	29
No. not absent,	16
Per cent. daily attendance,	97

INTERMEDIATE GRADE.

Teacher, Miss Lillian J. Brown.	
No. pupils registered,	44
Average No. belonging to school,	39
" daily attendance,	35
No. not absent,	19
Per cent. daily attendance,	90

PRIMARY GRADE.

Teacher, Miss Lillian Pollard,	
No. pupils registered,	60
Average No. belonging to school,	55
" daily attendance,	51
No. not absent,	13
Per cent. daily attendance,	93

Respectfully submitted,

DEXTER SANBORN, Sec. Board of Education.

Feb. 23, 1898.

Report of the School Board.

REPORT OF DIST. NO. 2, KNOWN AS CALLEY DIST.

Whole No. weeks, year ending Aug. 1, '97, 16 ; first, or fall term, commencing Oct. 20, '96, and ending Dec. 18, '96 ; second, or winter term, commencing Jan. 5, '97, ending Feb. 26, '97 ; number pupils registered, 16 ; per cent. daily attendance, 100 ; number pupils not absent, first term, 12 ; number pupils not absent, second term, 8 ; instances of tardiness, 7.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Paid teacher's wages, including board,	\$96 00
for wood,	6 50
repairs,	2 37
Total,	————\$104 87
Recd. of town, bal. forward,	103 53
	————
Amt. overpaid,	\$1 34

Both terms were taught by Miss Flora F. Cilley of Hill, and a more proficient teacher it is hard to find ; her more than twenty years' experience in teaching public schools, has fully qualified her for the work. Good progress was made by the pupils and all, with one accord, spoke well of their teacher.

Within the past two years, our school property has been improved by fitting up a pleasant schoolroom, with comfortable seats, new books and maps, which were very much needed. With the addition of a globe, I think our schools well furnished. Would recommend the painting of schoolhouses, inside and outside ; also a reasonable amount of insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. STEVENS, for the Board.

Ashland, N. H., July 20, 1897.

REPORT OF DIST. NO. 2, (CALLEY DIST.) SINCE JULY 20, '97.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Reed. town ck. of J. H. Blanchard,	\$157 99
Emma F. Bronson, ck. for 1-2 ex-	
pense for Union school,	50 20
W. B. Smith, stove,	1 00
Total,	——\$209 19
Paid G. W. Lambert, 10 weeks board,	\$15 00
“ “ “ 1 cord wood, fitted,	4 00
“ “ “ cleaning out closet,	1 00
Anna L. Stevens, teaching 2 weeks,	6 00
Hattie M. Calley, “ 8 “	24 00
W. H. Miller, “ 11 “	55 00
C. W. Cummings, board 11 weeks,	27 50
W. B. Smith, 1-2 cord wood,	2 00
two chairs, Calley school,	75
3 cords wood, furnished to date,	9 00
Amt. overpaid, as per last report,	1 34
Bal. on hand, for school,	63 60
Total,	——\$209 19

Fall term of school in Union district, began Sept. 6, '97, Anna L. Stevens, teacher, who gave it up, on account of ill health, after two weeks. The term of ten weeks, was finished by Hattie M. Calley who deserves much credit for the success attained in her first school. I did not visit school while Miss Stevens was teaching, but, from what I learn of others, she, too, was well qualified, for a beginner.

Whole number pupils registered, 12; average number belonging to school, 10; average daily attendance, 10; number perfect attendance, 5.

Fall term of 11 weeks, in Calley district, began Oct. 5, '97, Walter H. Miller of New Durham, teacher. I am very much pleased with Mr. Miller's work; he enters into it with a vim and a determination of success, only found in a teacher whose heart is in the work; he does not care to shirk, and still better, does not allow his pupils to, either. Wages paid him, \$5 per week and board, though, seemingly, large for the place, were, to my mind, well earned; as well, profitably spent, for the good of the rising generation. I am of the opinion that more money should be raised for school purposes.

Average number pupils belonging to school, 15; average daily attendance, 15; number perfect attendance, 2; whole number pupils registered, 17; per cent. attendance, 93.75.

Winter term in Calley district, commenced Dec. 28, '97, with same teacher, (Mr. Miller) to continue 9 weeks; making a total of 20 weeks school for the year, which I am proud to say, is the best school we have had since I have lived in town.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. STEVENS, for the Board.

Feb. 7, 1898.

REPORT OF DIST. NO. 2, KNOWN AS PEASE DIST.

Spring term taught by Miss Flora Cilley. I visited the school but once, as it closed unexpectedly, on account of the illness of the teacher's mother, so cannot give much of a report; but, considering the reputation Miss Cilley has earned in our town, as a teacher, we trust she was faithful in this school.

Fall term taught by Miss Bertha Vittum. Miss Vittum was an excellent teacher, first class in every respect, and one who thoroughly understood what were the rights of the school-room and quietly stood for her rights; thus gaining the admiration of all the order-loving residents in the district. But

this term was no exception to the general rule in the Pease school; we had a "fuss," as usual, but this we expect, as long as parents will, by their presence in school, uphold their children in disobeying the rules of the school.

JOHN H. BLANCHARD, Member of School Board.

Report of the Board of Auditors.

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, collector etc., and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM BRETHRICK,	}	Auditors.
A. E. PORTER,		
J. F. HUCKINS,		

Births registered in the town of Ashland for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female	Living or Stillborn.		No. of Child, 1st, 2d, &c.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Color.	Residence of Parents.		Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.		Birthplace of Mother.
			Living	Stillborn								Father.	Mother.	
Jan.	2 Roy Newton	M	Living		1	George U. Flanders	Christie H. Hodgdon	W.	Ashland.		Salesman	Ashland	Ashland	
"	2 Mary M.	F	"		1	Fred Russell	Phoebe Bighouse	"	"		Operative	Canada	Canada	
"	7 Oscar G.	M	"		4	George Gungas	Mary Cheney	"	"		Laborer	Canada	Canada	
Feb.	13 William W.	M	"		4	Henry A. Jewell	Emma L. Wallace	"	"		Laborer	Belmont	Belmont	
"	6	M	Stillborn		1	Fred L. Goodro	Hattie M. Nason	"	"		Knitter	Barton, Vt.	Thornton	
"	15 Addie Jennie	F	Living		3	Frank O. Moore	Minnie C. County	"	"		Farmer	Corinth, Vt.	Mans' n'vill' P Q	
"	18 Marcia Arzela	"	"		3	Walter B. Clifford	Eleanor J. Sweatt	"	"		Laborer	Hooksett	Canaan	
"	25 Dorrice M.	"	"		2	Edmund W. Felch	Martha S. Hilliard	"	"		Knitter	Center Harbor	Plymouth	
Mar.	1 Philip Ellis	M	"		1	Ellis G. Gammons	Adella C. Ladd	"	"		Supt. paper mill	Center Harbor	Holderness	
"	17	F	Stillborn		4	Edwin B. Eastman	Mary J. Monsett	"	"		Painter	Holderness	Holderness	
May	10 George B.	M	Living		5	Benj. F. Rollins	Adah Bailey	"	"		Laborer	Plymouth	New York, N Y	
"	18 Forrest Leavitt	M	"		8	Charles A. Eastman	Laura E. Perkins	"	"		Lumber mfr.	Lakeport	Canada	
"	18 Tracy Lloyd	M	"		2	Gay Robie	Jessie F. Chamberlain	"	"		Stable keeper	Holderness	Holderness	
June	19 Maude E.	M	"		1	Henry B. Harriman	Ida M. Hall	"	"		Laborer	Ashland	Newbury, Vt.	
"	27 Donald F.	M	"		1	Thomas F. Marr	Delia Baker	"	"		Overseer	Bethel, Vt.	Ashland	
July	5 Harold L.	M	"		3	James W. Byette	Emma Moussett	"	"		Spinner	Hartford, Conn.	Groton	
Aug.	10 Robert Fletcher	M	"		1	Ora A. Brown	Sarah A. Cheney	"	"		Merchant	Bridgewater	New York, N Y	
"	15 Grace Elizabeth	F	"		4	Edward P. Warner	Mary Anna Blanchard	"	"		Mason	Manchester	Ashland	
"	25 Bert Kendall	M	"		1	John C. Hughes	Alice M. Boynton	"	"		Laborer	Holderness	Holderness	
Oct.	17 Annie B.	F	"		3	Paul Poulin	Rosie Guyott	"	"		Knitter	Lewiston, Me.	Center Harbor	
"	23 Joseph S.	M	"		1	Raymond Bosley	Mary Demars	"	"		Laborer	New York	Ashland	
"	30 Austin C.	M	"		3	Chester P. Hunt	Mary B. Palmer	"	"		R R Watchm'n	New Hampton	Canada	
Nov.	21 Lewis A.	M	"		1	Lewis A. Eastman	Lula Calef	"	"		Carpenter	New Concord	Holderness	
"	25 Fannie G.	F	"		1	Charles B. Lowd	Julia L. Landry	"	"		Mill operative	Ashland	Willmantic, Ct.	
"	21 Mildred E.	F	"		2	Edward C. Brogan	Mabel J. Jewell	"	"		Grocery clerk	Ashland	Belmont	
Dec.	14 Marion E.	"	"		1	Walter H. Webster	Edna A. Morrison	"	"		Teamster	Lake Village	Bridgewater	
"	27 Milton T.	"	"		1	Thomas C. Shepard	Eva C. Mitchell	"	"		Carpenter	Campton	Plymouth	
"	28	F	"		4	William B. Smith	Addie S. Worthen	"	"		Farmer	Campton	Holderness	

Marriages registered in the town of Ashland for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date of marriage 1897.	Place of Marriage.	Name and surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of each.	Place of birth.	Names of Parents.	Occupation.	1st, 2d or 3d marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 17	Ashland	Joseph McGraw Flora Gyott	Ashland "	36 21	W. "	Laborer Mill Operative	New Brunswick Canada	Joseph McGraw Lizzie Thibideau	Farmer	1	John E. Finan, R. C. priest, Tilton
Jan. 17	Ashland	Napoleon Poulin Rose Gyott	" "	20 17	Conceter Mill Operative	Bangor, Me. Canada	Alaine Depine David Poulin Mary Carabo	Joseph Guyott Alaine Depine	Laborer Laborer	1	John E. Finan, R. C. priest, Tilton
Jan. 23	Ashland	Horace Gyott Henrietta Vallier	" "	29 37	Laborer Mill Operative	" "	Israel Guyott Delia Frazier Joseph Vallier	Joseph Guyott Israel Guyott	Farmer Laborer	2	Francis M. Hughes Justice Peace, Ashland
Mar. 11	Ashland	Charles A. Howe Ethel M. Smith	" "	26 17	Knitter Mill Operative	Ashland New Hampton	John P. Howe Mary J. Plaisted L. Baxter Smith	John P. Howe Mary J. Plaisted	Farmer Station Agent	2	D. M. Leavitt, Clergyman, Ashland
June 1	New Hampton	George E. Scribner Emma H. Mead	" N. Hampton	33 33	Manufacturer Housekeeper	Holderness Northwood	Franklin Scribner Marcia E. Hackett Edward H. Mead	Franklin Scribner Marcia E. Hackett	Manufacturer	1	A. B. Meservey, Clergyman, New Hampton
June 5	Plymouth	George E. Dow Hattie Vallier	Ashland "	21 17	Carder Seamer	Ashland "	Loanna S. Sherburne George F. Dow Mary E. Blanchard John Vallier	Loanna S. Sherburne George F. Dow Mary E. Blanchard	Carpenter Stone Mason	1	John A. Bowler, Clergyman, Plymouth
Sept. 15	Plymouth	Charles B. Lowd Julia M. Laundry	" "	19 16	Mill Operative "	" Willmantic, Ct.	John W. Lowd Fannie J. Woodbury Carpenter	John W. Lowd Fannie J. Woodbury	Mill Operative Housewife	1	John A. Bowler, Clergyman, Plymouth
Sept. 25	Ashland	Charles Wells Almie Drew	" Potten Can.	29 33	Farmer Housekeeper	W. Rutland, Vt. Potten, Can.	Celina Landry John Wells Champagne Elmira Libby	Celina Landry John Wells Champagne Elmira Libby	Quarryman Farmer	1	Ora A. Brown, Justice Peace, Ashland

Sept. 27	Ashland	George Fortin	Ashland	23	Mill Operative	Manchester	Louis Fortin	Laborer	1	John E. Finan, R. C. priest, Tilton
	"	Jennie Vallier	"	16	"		Mary Will Lazar Vallier	Laborer	1	
Oct. 11	Belmont	John Franklin Babb	Ashland	24	Clergyman	Lowell, Mass.	Henrietta Gravison John W. Babb	Merchant	1	Joel B. Slocum, Clergyman, Laconia
		Candace Porter Ladd	Belmont	22	School Teacher	Belmont	Josie H. Damon Arthur S. Ladd	Housekeeper Farmer	1	
Nov. 20	Ashland	William Merchant	Ashland	21	Weaver	Sherbrooke P.Q.	Ellen M. Porter Frank Merchant	Housewife Spinner	1	James Thompson, Clergyman, Ashland
		Agnes M. Collins	Rumney	18	Dressmaker	Rumney	Joymie Hill Nathan Collins	Housewife Sawyer	1	
Nov. 25	Laconia	William Henderson	Ashland	38	Carder	Wellington, Ct.	Jennie Cayes William Henderson	Housewife Carder	2	John B. Jordan, Clergyman, Laconia
		Edith D. Kelley	"	25	Seamer	Meredith	Mary Gorman Shepard Kelley Phoebe Judkins	Housewife Carpenter Housewife	2	

Deaths registered in the town of Ashland for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date of death. 1897.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age,			Place of birth,	Sex,	Color,	Single, or widowed,	Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
		Years,	Months,	Days,									
Feb. 1	William W. Jewell	48	7	10	Ashland	M	W.	S	Station Agent	Belmont	Thornton	Henry A. Jewell	Emna L. Wallace
" 4	Edgar M. Howe			7	Fitzwilliam	"		S		Corinth, Vt.	Canaan	Joel Howe	Nancy Richardson
" 16	Addie J. Moore			1	Ashland	"		S		Plymouth	New York, N. Y.	Frank O. Moore	Minnie C. County
Mar. 17	Eastman				Ashland	"		"		Holderness	Holderness	Edwin B. Eastman	Mary J. Mousett
" 23	Joseph A. Baker	68	9	13	New York, N. Y.	M		"	Farmer	Canada	Holderness	Joseph Baker	Hannah Piper
Apr. 8	Mary J. Eastman	28		14	Francetown	F		M	Housewife	Francetown	Francetown	Louis Mousett	M. A. Plaisted
June 5	Betsey Snow	81				"		"	Housekeeper			Samuel Kidder	Hannah
" 8	Charles Shepard	74	10	29	Warner	M		"	Farmer	Hopkinton	Webster	Charles Shepard	Betsey Smith
" 27	Ella A. M. Nicholls	40			Whitefield	F		M	Housewife	Stanstead	Passadumkey Me	Daniel Milton	Hannah D. Danforth
July 30	Chas. A. Hutchins	55	5	25	Providence, R. I.	M		"	Farmer	Brownfield, Me.	Hamden, P. Q.	Henry D. Hutchins	Sarah A. Hodgdon
Aug. 6	Ernest M. Cotton	2		4	Ashland	"		S		Canada	Canada	James M. Cotton	Dora J. Campbell
" 9	Oscar G. Gingras		7	1	Ashland	"		"				George Gingras	Mary Cheney
Sept. 15	Ann E. Baker	66			Holderness	F		W	Housekeeper	Lincolnshire, Eng	Campton	Jeremiah Sanborn	Caroline Bassford
Oct. 12	Cora B. Thompson	54	8	11	Campton	"		S		New Hampton	Holderness	George Thompson	Cora B. Southmayd
" 14	Oscar A. Plaisted	8			Holderness	M		"	Wool Sorter			Benning E. Plaisted	Nancy Merrill
Dec. 24	Cyrus Carey	83	10	2	Westfield, Vt.	"		"	Farmer			Cyrus Carey	Marion Sawyer

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ora A. Brown, Town Clerk.

